Anti-collision device

2124. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of commissioning of anti-collision device on the rail system to control rail accidents; and

(b) what are the details of trains passing through Orissa State, where this device is proposed to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Installation of Anti-Collision Device (ACD) on Katihar – New Jalpaiguri-Guwahati-Tinsukia-Dibrugarh-Ledo section of Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has been completed and is operational. Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) has been advised to increase the level of coverage and set right the deficiencies in the system.

(b) On an average 51 pairs of coaching and 126 Goods trains per day are passing over Khurda road division of Orissa. Similarly, 15 pairs of coaching trains (between Jharsuguda-Titlagarh and Sambalpur–Talcher) and 11 Goods trains per day are passing in Sambalpur division of Orissa.

Train equipped with medical facilities

2125. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a train has been inaugurated which is equipped with all the facilities of the hospital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the schedule of this train and which are the States covered by this train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) A train namely "Life Line Express" has been inaugurated on 12.07.2007 by Shrimati Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, United Progressive Alliance (UPA). This train is run by Impact India Foundation, a registered public trust on payment. This train is not having scheduled path. It is decided by the Impact India Foundation from time to time.

Gauge conversion of Dhasa-Jetalsar rail line

2126. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey for gauge conversion of Dhasa-Jetalsar metre gauge line has been completed which was targeted for completion by 31st July, 2007;

(b) if so, the decision taken on the proposal; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the survey would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Planning Commission has been requested to accord 'In Principle' approval.

(c) Does not arise.

Indore-Dhule-Manmad rail line

†2127. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new rail lines proposed in the year 2007-08;

(b) whether it includes Indore-Dhule-Manmad rail line;

(c) if so, by when the work on this rail line is likely to be completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not including Indore-Dhule-Manmad rail line therein and whether its inclusion would be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 7 new line projects included in Budget, 2007-08.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As per the survey report of 2004-05 the cost of construction of new broad gauge line from Manmad to Indore *via* Dhule-Nardana-Shirpur (350 kms.) has been assessed as Rs.1001.16 crore with a negative rate of return. In view of heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and acute constraints of resources, it has not been found feasible to consider the project. State Government has been requested to share 50% cost of the project.

Electrification of Mangalore-Shoranur rail line

2128. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the competent authority has initiated steps for the electrification of railway line between Mangalore and Shoranur;

(b) if so, the details including the fund allocated and the proposed completion of the work; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.